

mother. You must not go before meeting her, and she must know all."

But Mrs. Moran and Hubert Ellington were staring at each other as Belle had never seen two people stare before.

"Hubert!" exclaimed Ada Moran.

"I knew it must be you. And I did not dare believe it."

Hubert Ellington raised Ada Moran's hand to his lips.

"Belle," he said, turning to the girl, "your mother was my sweetheart twenty years ago."

SCHOOL DAYS—BY ALLMAN



DIARY OF FATHER TIME

An old fellow like myself, whose business it is to mark time, has to smile every time you Earth Folks begin to prepare for Christmas, so badly have you got your dates mixed. Not one in a million of you probably know that you are four years and six days off in your reckoning of time.

Christ's birthday was really in the year 4, before Christ, as you reckon

it. Your present way of computing time was introduced in 532 A. D. A thousand years later you Earth Folk discovered that you were in error but, afraid of further mixing up things, you stuck to it and this year you're going to celebrate what you really ought to have celebrated Dec. 19, 1909. But this isn't the only instance in which you Earth Folk try to make fact by persisting in error.